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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

25X1A9a SUBJECT: Meeting with [REDACTED] Deputy General Counsel

25X1A9a 1. [REDACTED] had been briefed earlier by me concerning the general program of the EPS and since has reflected upon his experience during the construction of the present Headquarters Building.

25X1A9a 2. [REDACTED] is concerned and, in fact, almost pessimistic over the possibility of the Agency obtaining the approval of Congress to construct another building or buildings approximately equal in size and greater in cost than the present Headquarters Building. He noted that even our friends on Capitol Hill speak with concern of the size of the Agency located in the Washington area. They do not follow through with logical thinking but basically refer to the fact that the Agency is an overseas organization and should not require such a sizeable Headquarters group. They do not see the connection between various assigned responsibilities given the Agency by the National Security Council and the many Headquarters functions related thereto. (I did not discuss the size of facilities to be planned with [REDACTED]. The EPS must recognize that it may be possible to absorb many of the present outside employees into the existing Headquarters Building if shifts in functions and responsibilities and continued BALPA and OPRED exercises reduce the present size of the Agency.

25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] recommended that serious thought be given in the course of our planning to the possibility of relocating a major part of the Agency at some distant site even as far removed as Denver. In his opinion communications are approaching and within 10 years certainly would be up to the transmittal of much of our needed communications to a Headquarters component in the Washington area. He believes that Congress would be much more receptive to some remote additional construction for the Agency than to the building of another structure similar to the present Headquarters Building. He noted that comments along this line had been made at different times by legislators. [REDACTED] also noted that Colonel White on occasion had given thought to the possibility of such a relocation which would relate our day to day space requirements to emergency relocation planning. I informed [REDACTED] that one of the alternatives which we were considering was the possible need to have some of the new construction at a site away from the present Headquarters location and that such a possibility will certainly be considered as an alternative.

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